

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following headers into the specification at the indicated locations:

Page 1, before line 1 (but after the title):

-BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

B² 1. **Field of the Invention--.**

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

B³ -2. **Description of Related Art--.**

Page 1, between lines 22 and 23:

-SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

B⁴ Page 3, between lines 15 and 16:

B⁵ **-BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.**

Page 3, between lines 21 and 22:

B⁶ **-DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.**

In addition, please amend page 1, lines 24-25, as follows:

B⁷ It is therefore ~~the problem~~ an objective of the invention to ~~state~~ provide a reliable method for authenticating a smart card in a messaging system wherein there is no acknowledgment of the authentication result to the subscribing smart card, as customary in the GSM network for example.

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph in lines 1-2 on page 2.